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You may have heard a few shocking statements and false allegations about David Ryu. I guess we shouldn't be surprised, given the sad state of our national politics, that some are choosing to stoop to such mudslinging and lies. It's important that we speak truth - so allow me to give some facts.

- **David Ryu is the original progressive and a true man of the people.** David Ryu won his race in 2015 as an outsider challenging the machine at City Hall. He was the first to refuse developer donations in 2015 - and to this day is the only Councilmember to reject this money. David grew up on the poverty line, as an immigrant struggling in East Hollywood, and in office has worked to lift up the voices of everyday Angelenos and marginalized communities. **He put forth a no-corporate-money bill 5 YEARS AGO - and pushed forward REAL campaign finance reform and anti-corruption laws alongside activists and organizers. Nithya Raman was completely MIA during that work - and now is trying to take credit for David's ideas!**
- **David Ryu rejects developer money - but Nithya Raman refuses to return hers.** Nithya Raman is lying when she says David Ryu is backed by corporate interests, plain and simple. The truth is, any donation David Ryu received from a developer was because that donor misrepresented themselves on their donation form - and once that was discovered, the donation was immediately returned. Meanwhile, **Nithya Raman has taken donations from self-identified real estate interests and corporate developers -- including Southeby's International, The Management Group and Greystar.**
- **Nithya Raman has invested hundreds of thousands in huge corporations like Comcast and Google - and funneled tens of thousand of dollars of her personal wealth into her campaign.** Where did that money come from? You may have heard that Nithya "rejects corporate money." This is not true, and Nithya has used a clever loophole to claim this. Nithya admitted that she earns between \$100,000 and \$1 million in Wall Street stocks from Comcast and Alphabet, Inc. She then loaned herself tens of thousands of dollars - the maximum amount allowed - to fuel her campaign. **The fact is - Nithya earns and accepts money from some of America's largest corporations - and she's lying about it.**
- **David Ryu is a leader for women and victims of assault and domestic violence.** David's opponents continue to prop up a **discredited allegation from a mistaken third party made over 18 years ago**. Not a single woman has ever accused David Ryu of assaulting or harassing her. This allegation continues to be used for political purposes, despite the fact that no accuser ever came forward, charges were dropped, and David was fully exonerated. The truth is, David Ryu fought to save funding for victims of domestic violence experiencing homelessness, he has opened TWO shelters for women and their children, and continued to lead on women's rights and survivor services. David has earned the support of Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project Los Angeles County Action Fund as well as the Hollywood National Organization of Women.

- **David Ryu worked in homelessness services in South LA for 16 years.** He has far more experience on homelessness than his opponent, as well as a clearer plan to end homelessness. David Ryu has already built hundreds of homeless housing, with another hundreds more currently under construction or in development. **David has one of the highest ratios of housing to unhoused in Los Angeles.** It's unfortunate that Nithya has lied about David's decades of experience serving the unhoused and working to end homelessness, when she has only worked a few years in this issue. In fact, **her own organization, SELAH, says for themselves that "our goal is not to end homelessness."** SELAH just deleted this mission statement from their website, which begs the question - What does Nithya stand for, and is a nonprofit illegally coordinating with a campaign? Nithya has never built homeless housing or secured the resources to do so.
  
- Nithya claims to be an urban planner. She has an academic background in urban planning, yet only spent six months, part-time as an Administrative trainee. She does not have the experience to guide our city through these challenging times.
  
- **Nithya is really good at pretending to be someone she's not.** She has made hundreds of thousands of dollars off of corporate profits and openly takes donations from real estate and developer interests, while lying about it.
  
- **David is the real deal.** He didn't win in 2015 by lying on Twitter, or by taking developer donations. He won because he knows the issues of homelessness, poverty and inequity better than anyone - and he has delivered on a progressive agenda. Just a few examples:
  - Passed a ban on developer donations, one of the strongest campaign finance laws in the nation.
  - Introduced or seconded legislation on public financing of our elections, independent Inspector General's office over City Hall, anti-corruption planning reform, and much more.
  - David Ryu is the only Councilmember to reject developer donations, have an independent oversight task force on district spending, and publish all his developer meetings online.
  - David Ryu created the largest Children's Savings Account program in the nation - giving children across Los Angeles an incredible boost in reaching their dreams of higher education. He specifically built his program to serve marginalized communities first.
  - David is the leading voice against hate crimes and discrimination, protecting for example, the lives the LGBTQ+ community, Jews and Muslims and Asians - communities in which hate crimes have escalated.
  - David Ryu has introduced legislation for pay equity in sports and universal paid parental leave.

- David Ryu led the Council on renter protections and eviction defense - passing a rent freeze and stronger eviction protections into law. He is the only candidate in this race backed by the tenant's rights group Coalition for Economic Survival.
- David Ryu has fought and won against big landlords and developers. He passed important planning legislation to curb mega-mansion development and fought alongside organized tenants for their rights. **He has directly intervened in dozens of landlord-tenant disputes - protecting renters from intimidation.**
- David Ryu has introduced policies from a vacancy tax to higher affordable housing requirements to moderate income housing bills to protections for existing affordable housing. **All with the support of activists, while Nithya was asleep at the wheel.**
- David Ryu fought and won against a regional plan to build housing further away from high-income and high-job areas - which David called "economic redlining." This plan would have been bad for the climate and bad for low-income families. David Ryu stood up to Orange County cities and forced them to build their fair share.
- David Ryu has been working on homelessness and building homeless housing **for years** before Nithya decided to show up. He leads the city in bridge housing, and has one of the highest shares of homeless housing to unhoused people in his district.

I appreciate this chance to correct the record. I don't like to speak negatively of anyone, but to hear Nithya Raman lie about her own record, and about someone who has led the progressive charge in our City for years is unacceptable. We should not resort to lies to win, and I hope that Nithya will reject these lies and start talking honestly about the issues that matter to our community.

Our goal is not to end homelessness overnight, but to develop a model for creating a safe, engaged community to support unhoused neighbors as they navigate their own individual path out of it.

